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- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,978,559
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,999,945
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,024,505
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,388,687
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